

Hello,

We would like to send you a few updates regarding COVID-19 and ask you to share this information in your networks. Please continue to consult the [AAFC website](#) regularly for updates.

1. **Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Worker Program (MISTFWP)**

Following the release of the federal budget on April 19, 2021 we would like to provide you with some information regarding the Mandatory Isolation Support for Temporary Foreign Worker Program (MISTFWP).

To ensure farmers have access to labour, Budget 2021 allocated \$57.6 million to extend the MISTFWP to August 31, 2021.

Under this initiative, support of up to \$1,500 per worker would be provided to employers until June 15, 2021 for some of the costs associated with the mandatory 14-day isolation period. After June 15, 2021, employers would receive \$750 per worker until the wind-down of the program on August 31, 2021.

Additional support – up to \$2,000 per worker – would also be available to employers to help offset a portion of costs associated with workers who are required to quarantine at a government-approved facility because they cannot travel by private means directly to their place of quarantine.

Details will be shared on [AAFC's website](#) once they are available.

2. **Federal Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations – Extended to May 21st**

The COVID-19 federal Emergency Orders in Council (OIC) pursuant to section 58 of the *Quarantine Act* have been extended to May 21, 2021.

- [Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order \(Prohibition of Entry into Canada from any Country Other than the United States\)](#)
- [Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order \(Prohibition of Entry into Canada from the United States\)](#)
- [Minimizing the Risk of Exposure to COVID-19 in Canada Order \(Quarantine, Isolation and Other Obligations\)](#)

3. **Information on Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) from the Public Health Agency of Canada**

There are a number of updated resources available on the Public Health Agency of Canada website for the public including an **Outbreak Update** and the **COVID-19 Virtual Assistant: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)**.

**Vaccines**

**COVID-19 Vaccines:**

- **NEW!** [Vaccines for COVID-19: What to expect at your vaccination](#)
- **UPDATED!** [Reported side effects following COVID-19 vaccination in Canada](#)
- **UPDATED!** [COVID-19 vaccination in Canada: Vaccines administered](#)
- **UPDATED!** [COVID-19 vaccination in Canada: Vaccination coverage](#)

**Recalls and Safety Alerts**

- [Health Canada provides update on the AstraZeneca and COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines](#)

#### **Health Sector Preparedness**

- **UPDATED!** [Federal/Provincial/Territorial Public Health Response Plan for Ongoing Management of COVID-19](#)
- [Planning guidance for immunization clinics for COVID-19 vaccines](#)
  
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): [Awareness resources](#)
  - **UPDATED!** [Going out safely during COVID-19](#)
  - **UPDATED!** [Reduce the spread of COVID-19: Wash your hands infographic](#)
  - [Entering Canada by air during COVID-19](#)
  - [Entering Canada by land during COVID-19](#)

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#### **4. New opportunities at the Canadian Dairy Commission**

To ensure that the [Canadian Dairy Commission](#) continues to effectively deliver on its mandate, the CDC is looking for diverse candidates from across the country to fill one part-time Chairperson position and one full-time CEO position within the organization. The ideal candidates for the Chairperson will have experience serving on boards of directors of major public and/or private corporations while the ideal candidates for the CEO position will have experience leading the day-to-day operations of an organization. Interested candidates can apply for the Chairperson position by May 26, 2021, at the following [website](#), and for the CEO position by June 30, 2021, at the following [website](#).

**Reminder: Next AAFC COVID-19 stakeholder call will be held Wednesday April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon EST.**

We encourage you strongly to share your comments and questions in writing through the AAFC Roundtable account ([aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@canada.ca](mailto:aafc.roundtable-table ronde.aac@canada.ca)).

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